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SUBJ: TITO DELIVERS OPENING SPEECH TO SEVENTH
CONGRESS TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT TITO DELIVERED OPENING SPEECH TO SEVENTH
CONGRESS TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC 17TH.
HE CALLED ON LCY AND ASSOCIATED LABOR TO LEAD COMMON EFFORT
OVERCOME DOMESTIC SHORT-COMINGS WHICH PLAGUE ECONOMY, STRONGLY
CRITICIZED "SIGNS MXHWUTARKY" WHICH UNDERMINE UNIFIED YUGOSLAV
MARKET AND TENDENCIES TOWARD "WAGE LEVELING," AND OUTLINED ROLE
OF TUS IN BUILDING SELF-MANAGEMENT.

1. PRESIDENT TITO DELIVERED OPENING SPEECH TO SEVENTH CONGRESS
TU CONFEDERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA DEC 17TH. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS OF TITO SPEECH, BASED ON TANJUG, DEC 18
TRANSLATION.

2. TITO REFERRED TO ECONOMY'S SUCCESSES, BUT CONCENTRATED ON
PROBLEMS AND EMPHASIZED DOMESTIC SHORT-COMINGS TO BE OVER-
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COME BY COMMON EFFORTS AND FURTHER ACCELERATION IN BUILDING

SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIETY.

3. HE ENUMERATED LIST STANDARD DOMESTIC WEAKENESSES EXACERBATING INFLATION AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM INCLUDING: EXCESSIVE SPENDING, INSUFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT OF RAW MATERIALS, DUPLICATION OF CAPACITIES, POOR FOREIGN TRADE PROMOTION, WASTE -- ESPECIALLY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS -- AND NEGLECTED MARKETS.

4. TITO STRONGLY CRITICIZED "SIGNS OF AUTARKY," EVEN WITHIN ORGANIZATION OF LABOR" AND NOTED THAT LITTLE INTEGRATION OCCURS BEYOND REPUBLICAN BOUNDARIES AND WHAT IS IN QUESTION IS DANGEROUS TENDENCIES OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL INSULARITY WHICH UNDERMINE UNIFIED MARKET.

5. TITO STRESSED WAGE-LEVELING AS DESTRUCTIVE OF INCENTIVES, DISCIPLINE AND PRODUCTIVITY, AND CALLED ASSUMPTION UNDERLYING IT CONTRARY TO MARXIAN SCIENCE AND SOCIALIST PRINCIPLE "OF RENUMERATION ACCORDING TO WORK." TU ORGANIZATION, SAID TITO, SHOULD APPLY ITSELF ESPECIALLY IN THIS AREA.

6. TITO ALLUDED TO THE SLOW PROCESS OF CONCLUDING SOCIAL ACCORDS AND SELF-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND THE SUBSEQUENT INCONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION, AND SAID IN FUTURE THEY MUST BE RESPECTED AND CARRIED OUT CORRECTLY BECAUSE "DEMANDS OF THE TIMES ARE SUCH THE IDLENESS AND LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY MAY NO LONGER BE TOLERATED, NO MATTER WHO MIGHT BE IN QUESTION."

7. TITO REAFFIRMED NEW AND IMPORTANT ROLE OF TUS AS THE BROADEST ORGANIZATION OF WORKER MANAGERS AND OF THE WORKING CLASS AS A WHOLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR REALIZATION FOR ITS CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION AND ROLE IN SOCIAL LIFE.

8. ACCORDING TITO, KEY TU RESPONSIBILITIES IN FUTURE INCLUDE:

A) ASSISTING WORKERS REALIZE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION ESPECIALLY IN REACHING SOCIAL ACCORDS AND SELF-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

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C) MATTERS OF TRADITIONAL WORKER INTEREST, I.E.,
HOUSING, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND EDUCATION.

9. COMMENT: TITO'S SPEECH MAY BE INTERPRETED AS FILLING SEVERAL FUNCTION:

A) CHEERLEADING THE DELEGATES AT FIRST TU CONGRESS

IN SIX YEARS ON IMPORTANCE THEIR WORK AND ROLE IN BUILDING
SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIETY.

B) REVIEW OF DOMESTIC WEAKENESSES THAT LCY
EXPECTS TU TO TAKE LEAD IN AMERLIORATING FROM WORKING
CLASS.

C) ENDORSEMENT MIKA SPILJAK'S ENERGETIC
CAMPAIGN TO END WAGE-LEVELING AND REMOVE LIMITS ON INCOME
FROM WORK IN ORDER PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE
AND PRODUCTION LABOR.

D) STRONG IMPLICATION THAT TUS WILL BE ACTIVE LEADER
IN BUILDING SELF-MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY ON IMPORTANT QUESTION OF
COORDINATING SELF-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND SOCIAL ACCORDS
IN NATIONAL INTEREST.

ON LATTER POINT, IT APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT TUS UNDER SPILJAK
HAVE BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW WHAT THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH
IN THIS CRITICAL AREA. SPILJAK'S ACTIVITIES IN PAST MONTHS INDICATE
HE SOUGHT THIS OPPORTUNITY AND IF TUS ARE TO DIRECT THIS TASK
SUCCESS DEPENDS SIGNIFICANTLY ON WHETHER LOCAL TU ORGANIZATIONS CAN
OR WILL OVERCOME STRONG TENDENCIES TOWARD 'LOCALITIS.'
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